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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear sir/madam,

I'm contacting you to express my opinion on the proposed settlement relating to the ongoing antitrust case against Microsoft.

I feel that the proposed settlement is both fair and just, and allows Microsoft to continue to drive the computing market forward into new technologies without restricting OEM partners and suchlike to limiting and excessive licensing contracts. It also allows third-party developers the opportunity to create products with extensive interaction with the Windows operating system and the functionality of said, without having to work out for themselves the complex and confusing code structures of the protocols and standards employed by Windows. It also avoids forcing Microsoft into a situation where they are no longer able to develop products which integrate fully with Windows by giving the end user full control over what they install, together with allowing the end user to disable any functionality which they find unnecessary or excessive.

In all, I feel this settlement is fair to both parties concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Sean Butler-Lee